

AGENDA OVERVIEW	EPA REGION 6 TRIBAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING
<p><b>Wednesday, February 28, 2007</b></p>	<p><b>Cherokee Casino-Resort</b>  <b>777 W. Cherokee Street, Catoosa, Oklahoma</b>  <b>(located off I-44 at 193<sup>rd</sup> St., Exit 240A)</b></p>
<p>Desired Outcomes:</p> <p>1) Provide Status of OEJTA Team Leader Position.</p> <p>2) To continue the development and eventual implementation of a Regional Tribal Consultation Policy.</p> <p>3) Reach consensus on how to proceed with the draft TAS guidance specific to Oklahoma. Identification of strategies to improve NTC/RTOC's partnership.</p> <p>4) Identify Opportunities for continuing Tribal Input.</p> <p>5) An efficient, well-understood QAPP approval process in order to gather relevant scientific data.</p>	<p>10:00-10:20 a.m.    <b>Opening Invocation</b> – Jerry Cochran, CN Environmental Program  <b>Welcoming Address</b> – Chad Smith, Principal Chief, Cherokee Nation  <b>Roll Call</b> – RTOC Secretary  <b>Declaration of Quorum</b> – RTOC Secretary</p> <p>10:20-10:25 a.m.    <b>Summary of Last RTOC Meeting</b></p> <p>10:25-10:50 a.m.    <b>Action Item Review</b> – Regional Administrator</p> <p>10:50-11:00 a.m.    <b>OEJTA Team Leader Position</b> – OEJTA/RTOC Co-Chair  Purpose: Discussion of the current vacancy of Team Leader/Regional Indian Coordinator position in the Office of Environmental Justice and Tribal Affairs (OEJTA)</p> <p>11:00-11:30 a.m.    <b>Consultation Policy – OEJTA/ORC/RTOC Co-Chair</b>  Purpose: To present and discuss the current draft of the Region 6 Tribal Consultation Policy.</p> <p>11:30-12:00 p.m.    <b>Draft Guidance for Tribal/State TAS Agreement</b> – OEJTA/RC/RTOC Co-Chair  Purpose: As part of the consultation process, a draft guidance for Treatment in the same manner As a State (TAS) Agreement for Oklahoma Tribes will be discussed.</p> <p>12:00-1:00 p.m.    <b>LUNCH</b></p> <p>1:00-1:30 p.m.    <b>Strategic Planning</b> – OEJTA/NTOC Rep  Purpose: Addressing Tribal Needs and Priorities</p> <p>1:30-2:00 p.m.    <b>Quality Assurance</b> – 6MD/Pueblo of Tesuque  Purpose: To re-clarify the Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) review, response, approval time and dispute resolution process.</p>

<p>6) Make future applicants aware of possible application obstacles.</p> <p>7) Tribal Award Letters being received two weeks or more prior to the start of the project period.</p> <p>8) An understanding of FY2008 GAP funding cycle.</p> <p>9) Complete understanding of the upcoming CWA 106 Grant Process.</p> <p>10) To gather volunteers in order to begin filming on Tribal lands.</p> <p>11) A consensus on future dates, agenda formats and deadlines.</p>	<p>2:00-2:15 p.m.     <b>Inter-Agency Solid Waste Funding</b> – 6PD/Delaware Nation Purpose: Inform EPA of the financial strains and burdens encumbered by Delaware Nation due to misunderstandings associated with interpretation of a National Solid Waste Solicitation.</p> <p>2:15-2:30 p.m.     <b>Grants Award Process</b> – 6MD/Cherokee Nation Purpose: Inquire if EPA could identify areas that could streamline the award process.</p> <p>2:30-2:45 p.m.     <b>FY 2008 GAP Grants</b> – OEJTA/RTOC Co-Chair Purpose: Obtain current, relevant information concerning upcoming General Assistance Program (GAP) Grant Funding cycle.</p> <p>2:45-3:15 p.m.     <b>CWA 106 Grant Guidance</b> – 6WQ/Pueblo of Tesuque Purpose: Provide highlights of the meeting held on February 27, 2007.</p> <p>3:15-3:30 p.m.     <b>Information Video</b> – Video Workgroup Purpose: To update the Regional Tribal Operations Committee (RTOC) on the current status of the video project intended for new EPA and Tribal employees.</p> <p>3:30-3:45 p.m.     <b>RTOC Planning</b> – OEJTA/Cherokee Nation Purpose: Discussion on future agenda format and meeting planning.</p> <p>3:45-4:30 p.m.     <b>Next RTOC Meeting date and location</b> – Full RTOC Unfinished Business Adjourn</p>
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